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South Africa 'criteria'

The FBI's Counter-Intelligence Division maintains a list of "criteria" countries — the Soviet Union, East European satellites and Cuba. The division's agents can recognize the diplomatic vehicles of any "criteria" nation by letters and digits on their license plates. CI agents were astonished in recent days when they received orders to add South Africa to the list of "criteria" nations. This means that South African diplomats and defense and commercial attaches will henceforth be treated no differently than suspected spies from East bloc nations. Their telephones will be subject to electronic surveillance just like those of their Eastern counterparts. This was done at the request of the United Nations. The State Department responded favorably. CIA sources were not aware of the change.